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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

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**Moderator**

Allie E. Batchelder

**Town Clerk**

Stella F. Batchelder

**Selectmen**

Allie E. Batchelder                           Richard W. Murphy  
Chester A. Avery

**Treasurer**

Stella F. Batchelder

**Tax Collector**

Margaret W. Murphy

**Fire Warden**

Allie E. Batchelder

**Auditor**

William F. Batchelder

**Supervisors of the Checklist**

William F. Batchelder                           Margaret W. Murphy

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

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### L. S. THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ellsworth in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Ellsworth on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of highways and bridges.
4. To see if the town will vote to qualify for T. R. A. and raise and appropriate the necessary amount for same.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the town officers and make appropriations of the same.
6. To see if the town will vote to have inventory blanks distributed at the time of taking inventory.
7. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for debts and interest.
8. To see if the town will vote to authorize selectmen to administer or dispose of land acquired through tax collector's deeds.
9. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to secure the assistance of the State Tax Commission in reappraising the taxable property in the town in order to secure greater equality as between taxpayers and in-

sure the assessment of all property in the town on the same standard of value and raise and appropriate money to pay for same.

10. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the division of Municipal accounting and to make an appropriation to cover cost of same.

11. To see if the town will vote to make up any deficiency in the School Account at the close of the fiscal year.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,  
CHESTER A. AVERY,  
RICHARD W. MURPHY,  
Selectmen of Ellsworth.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,  
CHESTER A. AVERY,  
RICHARD W. MURPHY,  
Selectmen of Ellsworth.

## INVENTORY

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Real Estate               | \$29,984.00 |
| Growing wood and timber   | 9,718.00    |
| Electric equipment        | 340.00      |
| 2 cows                    | 300.00      |
| <hr/>                     |             |
| Total                     | \$40,342.00 |
| Less Soldiers' Exemptions | 400.00      |
| <hr/>                     |             |
|                           | \$39,942.00 |

## TAXES LEVIED FOR ALL PURPOSES

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| To defray town charges    | \$350.00   |
| Town officers' salaries   | 170.00     |
| Highways and bridges      | 500.00     |
| Town road aid             | 54.20      |
| County tax                | 76.80      |
| Interest and debt         | 400.00     |
| Schools                   | 275.00     |
| To clean and restock pond | 50.00      |
| <hr/>                     |            |
| Total                     | \$1,876.00 |

## Receipts

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| From Local Sources:                           |            |
| From Tax Collector—1946 tax                   | \$1,618.43 |
| From Tax Collector—previous year's tax        | 247.17     |
| Interest collected                            | 5.28       |
| <hr/>   |            |
| Total   | \$1,870.88 |
| From State:                                   |            |
| Class V highway                               | \$148.90   |
| Savings bank tax                              | .89        |
| 1945 Reimbursement a-c State and Federal land | 268.93     |
| 1945 National Forest reserve fund             | 389.87     |
| 1945 Bounties                                 | 20.00      |
| <hr/>   |            |
|   | \$828.59   |

**From Local Sources Except Taxes:**

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Dog license           | \$1.80 |
| Motor vehicle permits | 9.25   |
|                       | _____  |

\$11.05

**Receipts Other than Current Revenue:**

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Postage paid over to Treasurer | \$ .59 |
| Sale of land                   | 600.00 |
|                                | _____  |

\$600.59

**Total Receipts**

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1946 | 37.67 |
|                              | _____ |

**Total**

\$3,311.11

37.67

\$3,348.78

**Expenditures**

**Salaries:**

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Allie E. Batchelder, Selectman | \$30.00 |
| Chester Avery, Selectman       | 40.00   |
| Richard Murphy, Selectman,     | 20.00   |
| Stella Batchelder, Treasurer   | 25.00   |
| Margaret Murphy, Tax Collector | 25.00   |
| Stella Batchelder, Clerk       | 25.00   |
|                                | _____   |

\$165.00

**Election and Registration:**

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Allie Batchelder, Moderator | \$12.50 |
| Stella Batchelder, Clerk    | 8.00    |
| Margaret Avery, Supervisor  | 5.00    |
| Hollis Downing, Supervisor  | 5.00    |
|                             | _____   |

\$30.50

**Town Officers' Expenses:**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Pemigewasset National Bank, service charge        | \$11.11 |
| Allie Batchelder, going over land                 | 20.00   |
| Chester Avery, Tax Com. meeting                   | 5.00    |
| Stella Batchelder, expenses clerk, supplies clerk | 20.00   |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Fred J. Shores, abstracts                                      | 5.75       |
| Allie Batchelder, expenses and Tax<br>Commissioners' meeting   | 25.00      |
| Record Print, printing tax bills                               | 9.75       |
| Stella Batchelder, expenses and<br>supplies Treasurer          | 38.00      |
| Stella Batchelder, copying and<br>book keeping for Selectmen   | 30.00      |
| W. B. Avery, supplies  | 2.71       |
| Tribune Publishing Co., printing                               | 29.75      |
| Allie Batchelder, mileage and sup-<br>plies and money paid out | 43.50      |
| H. W. Noyes, bonds   | 26.93      |
| Edson C. Eastman, Co., supplies                                | 25.25      |
|  | _____      |
|  | \$292.75   |
| Bounties   | \$ 36.50   |
| Highways and Bridges:  |            |
| Winter account   | \$556.65   |
| Summer account   | 546.71     |
| Bridges  | 803.15     |
| General expenses   | 21.15      |
|  | _____      |
| Total  | \$1,927.66 |
| Town Hall insurance, H. W. Noyes                               | \$ 5.00    |
| Tax refund   | 1.80       |
| Interest   | 56.00      |
| Paid State treasurer, TRA                                      | 54.20      |
| Pemigewasset Nat. Bank on note                                 | 50.00      |
| County tax   | 76.80      |
| School District  | 595.00     |
|  | _____      |
| Total  | \$838.80   |
|  | _____      |
| Total  | \$3,291.21 |

#### **HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| William F. Batchelder, labor                       | \$142.54 |
| Allie Batchelder, mileage, expens-<br>es and labor | 265.62   |

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Sterle Batchelder, labor  | 67.30    |
| Stanley Batchelder, labor | 36.00    |
| William Houston, labor    | 8.25     |
| A. F. Downing             | 27.00    |
|                           | _____    |
|                           | \$546.71 |

Winter Account:

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Allie Batchelder, labor and mileage | \$371.35 |
| William Batchelder, labor           | 58.80    |
| Sterle Batchelder, labor            | 62.00    |
| Stanley Batchelder, labor           | 42.00    |
| William Houston,                    | 22.50    |
|                                     | _____    |
| Total                               | \$556.65 |

Bridges:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| William Batchelder, labor                 | \$100.00 |
| A. F. Downing, labor                      | 83.60    |
| Sterle Batchelder, labor                  | 99.30    |
| Allie Batchelder, labor and mileage       | 230.00   |
| A. L. Downing, labor                      | 46.15    |
| Samuel Sutherland, labor                  | 57.00    |
| Allie Batchelder, paid for supplies, etc. | 4.40     |
| Stanley Batchelder, labor                 | 42.00    |
| Roscoe Yeaton, planks                     | 68.10    |
| Harold Avery, Jr., labor                  | 60.00    |
| Chester Avery, labor                      | 12.60    |
|   | _____    |
|   | \$803.15 |

**Town Clerk's Report**

Dog and Auto Licenses

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Received from auto permits | \$9.25 |
| Received from dog license  | 2.00   |
| Fees retained              | .20    |
|                            | _____  |
| Paid to Treasurer          | 1.80   |

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Total Payments to Treasurer       | \$11.05 |
| STELLA F. BATCHELDER, Town Clerk. |         |

### Tax Collector's Report

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Committed to Collector              | \$1,741.23 |
| Collected and paid Treasurer        | \$1,618.43 |
| In hands of Collector               | 12.96      |
|                                     |            |
| Total Collected                     | \$1,631.39 |
| Uncollected as per Collector's list | \$109.84   |
|                                     |            |
| Total                               | \$1,741.23 |

The following is a list of the taxes for the year 1946 remaining uncollected as of January 1, 1947.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Ida M. Clark                  | \$36.56  |
| Roscoe Duncklee               | 14.96    |
| Susie Batchelder              | 6.48     |
| Lawrence Hayward              | 8.64     |
| Harold Hunnewell              | 12.96    |
| Karl W. Jackson               | 2.16     |
| Donald Joscelyn               | 2.16     |
| Robert Sutherland Estate      | 25.92    |
|                               |          |
| Previous year taxes collected | \$109.84 |
|                               |          |
| Total Payments to Treasurer:  | \$238.63 |

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| 1946     | \$1,618.43 |
| 1945     | 238.63     |
| 1944     | 8.54       |
|          |            |
| Interest | \$1,865.60 |
|          |            |
| Total    | \$1,870.88 |

MARGARET MURPHY,  
Collector.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Assets

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Cash on hand          | \$57.57 |
| In hands of officials | 12.96   |

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Due from State:                              |                |
| Unexpended balance TRA, State treasury       | \$532.20       |
| Bounties                                     | 36.50          |
| National Forest reserve fund                 | 486.84         |
| Reimbursement a-c forest land                | 218.15         |
| Unredeemed taxes                             | 285.01         |
| Uncollected taxes, 1946                      | 109.84         |
| Uncollected taxes, 1945                      | 5.00           |
| Uncollected taxes, 1944                      | 5.00           |
| <br>Total Assets                             | <br>\$1,749.07 |
| <br><b>Liabilities</b>                       |                |
| Due State—Poll taxes                         | \$ 15.00       |
| Due School District, dog license             | 1.80           |
| Balance appropriation                        | 230.05         |
| ½ National Forest reserve fund               | 243.42         |
| Pemigewasset National Bank                   | 900.00         |
| Pemigewasset National Bank                   | 500.00         |
| <br>Total Liabilities                        | <br>\$1,890.27 |
| Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Net Debt) | \$141.20       |
| Net Debt, December 31, 1945                  | \$449.60       |
| Net Debt, December 31, 1946                  | 141.20         |
| <br>Decrease of Debt                         | <br>\$308.40   |

#### Auditor's Certificate

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM F. BATCHELDER,  
Auditor.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

## School Board

Allie E. Batchelder Richard W. Murphy

### School Treasurer

Chester A. Avery

### Clerk

Stella F. Batchelder

### **Auditor**

Margaret Murphy

## **Superintendent of Schools**

Arthur S. Rollins

## Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, June 30, 1945 \$16.61

Received from Town:

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| July 1945  | \$125.00 |
| Sept. 1945 | 50.00    |
| Oct. 1945  | 55.00    |
| Nov. 1945  | 125.00   |
| Dec. 1945  | 20.00    |
| Jan. 1946  | 25.00    |
| Feb. 1946  | 50.00    |
| Apr. 1946  | 30.00    |
| May 1946   | 60.00    |

Total Available Fiscal Year \$556.61

### Cash Expended

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Allie Batchelder, exps. and supplies<br>Pemigewasset National Bank ser-<br>vice charge | \$ 15.00<br>8.26 |
| State Treasurer, superintendent's<br>excess salary                                     | 25.00            |
| State Treasurer, per capita tax  | 14.00            |
| Allie Batchelder, salary, School<br>Board  | 5.00             |

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Leona Edgell, transportation     | 47.00        |
| Allie Batchelder, transportation | 312.75       |
| Paid Previous Year Bills:        |              |
| Campton School District, tuition | 109.00       |
| Chester Avery, Treasurer         | 5.00         |
| Margaret Avery, School Board     | 5.00         |
| Richard Murphy, School Board     | 5.00         |
| Margaret Murphy, Auditor         | 1.50         |
| <br>Total Payments               | <br>\$552.51 |
| Cash on hand, June 30, 1946      | 4.10         |
| <br>Grand Total                  | <br>\$556.61 |

#### BALANCE SHEET

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Ba'ance June 30, 1946                         | \$ 4.10      |
| Balance due appropriations                    | 120.11       |
| Due from town $\frac{1}{2}$ Natl. Forest fund | 194.94       |
| <br>Total Assets                              | <br>\$319.15 |
| <br><b>Liabilities</b>                        |              |
| Tuition Campton School District               | \$156.00     |
| Margaret Avery, School Board                  | 5.00         |
| Richard Murphy, School Board                  | 5.00         |
| Chester Avery, Treasurer                      | 5.00         |
| Margaret Murphy, Auditor                      | 1.50         |
| Stella Batchelder, Clerk                      | 1.50         |
| <br>Excess of assets over liabilities         | <br>\$174.00 |
| <br>Grand Total                               | <br>145.15   |
| <br><b>Certificate.</b>                       |              |

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct in all respects.

MARGARET WEED MURPHY,  
Auditor.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Ellsworth School Board:

Since all of the children in Ellsworth are receiving their schooling in the neighboring towns of Campton and Rumney, the only matter for me to discuss in this report concerns finances.

For several years Ellsworth has had to carry a heavy financial load which does not promise to become any lighter in the future. A financial statement recently submitted to the State Board of Education shows the financial budget for the present school year.

### Total Receipts

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Equalization fund               | \$276.79 |
| National Forest reserve         | 243.42   |
| Amount assessed                 | 275.00   |
| Balance previously appropriated | 120.11   |
| Dog licenses                    | 2.00     |
| <hr/>                           |          |
| Total Receipts                  | \$917.32 |

### Expenditures

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Salaries of district officers | \$ 23.00   |
| Transportation of pupils      | 600.50     |
| High school tuition           | 102.39     |
| Elementary school tuition     | 232.00     |
| Per capita tax                | 10.00      |
| Bills from previous year      | 174.00     |
| <hr/>                         |            |
| Total Expenditures            | \$1,141.89 |

This statement means that Ellsworth will have a deficit of \$224.57 for the school year 1946-1947.

The 1947-48 school budget should contain these items:

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Salaries of district officers | \$ 23.00 |
| Transportation                | 740.00   |
| High school tuition           | 105.00   |
| Elementary school tuition     | 267.00   |

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Per capita tax          | 10.00      |
| Total                   | \$1,145.00 |
| <b>Estimated Income</b> |            |
| State aid               | \$276.79   |
| Forest reserve          | 190.00     |
| Dog licenses            | 2.00       |
| Total                   | \$468.79   |

The excess of expenditures over anticipated income is \$676.21. This is the amount that must be raised by local taxation to support the schools for Ellsworth children.

My conversation in the office of the State Board of Education indicates there is a way for the people of Ellsworth to avoid carrying this heavy financial load year after year. When the bills of Ellsworth School District are all paid and there are no outstanding obligations, the State Board will favorably consider a petition that the Ellsworth School District be dissolved. When that is accepted, so far as the school district is concerned, Ellsworth would become unorganized territory. For school purposes it would then be necessary each to year to raise, appropriate and pay to the State Treasurer an amount which will be yielded by a tax of \$3.50 on each \$1000 of equalized valuation. In return for that the State will assume financial responsibility for the education of all Ellsworth pupils whether those pupils are enrolled in elementary or in high school. This, I believe, is the best possible solution of the Ellsworth problem. I recommend that the warrant for the District meeting of March, 1947 contain this article, "To see if the Ellsworth School District will vote to petition the State Board of Education to dissolve said district."

Respectfully submitted,  
 ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,  
 Superintendent of Schools.

## WARRANT FOR SCHOOL MEETING

L. S. THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Ellsworth qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the 11th day of March 1947, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see if the Ellsworth School District will vote to petition the State Board of Education to dissolve said district.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Ellsworth this 24th  
day of February 1947.

ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,  
RICHARD MURPHY,  
School Board of Ellsworth.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,  
RICHARD MURPHY,  
School Board of Ellsworth.



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